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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-6-14

SUBJECT: FNM - MEETINGS - MINNESOTA SECTION, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERS (ASABE)

Purpose. To transmit information on the subject meeting.

Expiration Date. April 28, 2006

**Action Requested by April 18, 2006**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) encourages attendance and participation by employees in career-related professional organizations that enhance career development and professionalism.

The Minnesota Section of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE, formerly ASAE) will be having their spring meeting and tour on Friday, April 21, 2006. The meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Building, U of M.

After the meeting, Gregg Thompson from the Anoka County Soil and Water Conservation District will then meet with us to give a presentation on Bioretention Basins (also commonly referred to as Rain Gardens). After the presentation, we will walk to several sites on the St. Paul campus where he has been involved with the construction of these basins.

NRCS does not require employees to attend this meeting; however, NRCS supports attendance by granting approval for members in good standing of ASABE to attend this meeting on official time at their own expense. Employees who will be attending this meeting must first have approval of their supervisor. Time spent traveling outside work hours to and from this meeting is not considered hours of work for overtime, compensatory time, or accrual of credit leave.

Supervisors approving employees to attend this meeting are to submit their names through the appropriate ASTC (FO) to the State Conservation Engineer by Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

/s/

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